



CARTER CAVES STATE RESORT PARK

CAVE TOURS

JUNE 18 – AUGUST 14, 2011

(Summer Schedule)



Tours are led by trained guides and are conducted at a leisurely pace.

Questions are encouraged from tour participants.

Comfortable walking shoes with tread soles are encouraged (some trail surfaces may be wet and slick).

ALL CAVE TICKETS ARE SOLD AT THE WELCOME CENTER.

ADMISSION FEES:

2 YEARS & UNDER FREE WITH A GUARDIAN

CASCADE CAVE TOURS: \$9.00 - 13 YEARS & ABOVE

\$5.00 - 3-12 YEARS

X CAVE TOURS: \$7.00 - 13 YEARS & ABOVE

\$4.00 - 3-12 YEARS

PUBLIC NOTICE

**All Caves are closed except for park-led tours of X-Cave & Cascade Cave
until further notice!**

White Nose Syndrome, a disease that is killing 90-100% of hibernating bats in infected caves, is getting closer to Carter Caves and has recently been found in the state of Kentucky. The Department of Parks closed all the caves within Carter Caves Park except for guided tours of X-Cave & Cascade Cave.

This measure was taken in order to help prevent the introduction of White Nose Syndrome.

For additional information on the White Nose Syndrome you can visit the following website:

<http://www.fws.gov/WhiteNoseSyndrome/>

DIRECTIONS TO CASCADE CAVE



Cascade Cave is 3.4 miles from here. Turn left out of the Welcome Center parking lot; turn right at the first stop sign onto Route 182; travel 1.6 miles on Route 182, turn right onto Route 209 at the top of the hill. Cascade Cave parking lot is 0.6 miles on the left.

TOUR SCHEDULE SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE!



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CASCADE CAVE

CASCADE CAVE TICKET SALES STOP 15 MINUTES PRIOR TO THE TOUR.

CASCADE CAVE TOURS STARTS PROMPTLY FROM CASCADE CAVE AREA PARKING LOT.

CASCADE CAVE TOURS REQUIRE A SHORT DRIVE. TRANSPORTATION IS NOT PROVIDED.

Cascade Cave is one of the largest of over 200 caves in Carter County and is noted for its large chambers and numerous cave formations. Highlights of the tour include the reflecting pool in the Lake Room, the unique cave formations in the Cathedral Room, and an underground waterfall over 30 feet high.

A short drive is required. Tour meets at Cascade area parking lot.

Tickets must be purchased at least 15 minutes prior to the tour. Tours available year-round.

-SCHEDULE-

MONDAY - FRIDAY: 10:00AM, 11:30AM, 1:30PM, 3:00PM, 4:30PM

SATURDAY: 9:30AM, 11:00AM, 12:30PM, 1:30PM, 3:00PM, 4:30PM

SUNDAY: 10:00AM, 11:30AM, 1:00PM, 2:30PM, 4:00PM

WALKING DISTANCE: about 3/4 mile **DURATION:** about 1 hour, 15 minutes

TEMPERATURE: 50-60 degrees (variable)

DIFFICULTY: Includes 225 stair steps through the cave; easy walking; electrically lit.

CASCADE CAVE FLASHLIGHT TOURS

The electric lights will be shut off and we will get the caver's eye view of Cascade Cave. With your flashlight you can see what is hidden in the cracks and crevices along the caves path. You will visit one wild or undeveloped cave passage that is not offered on the commercial tour of the cave. **Closed-toed shoes are required! You must be 5yrs or older to participate in the tour.** Headlamps are provided. Use of your own flashlight is permitted.

-SCHEDULE-

TUESDAY, THURSDAY & FRIDAY: 6:00PM

X-CAVE

**X-CAVE STARTS PROMPTLY IN FRONT OF THE WELCOME CENTER
AND IS WITHIN WALKING DISTANCE OF THE WELCOME CENTER.**

X-cave has two vertical joint passages that meander through a large layer of limestone which puts you up-close to many beautiful cave formations. Some of the highlighted features include turkey rock, the pipe organ, and the giant column which is the largest cave formation found at the park. Be aware of your surroundings and you will discover how this cave became known as "X-Cave."

Tour meets in front of the Welcome Center. Tours available year-round.

-SCHEDULE-

MONDAY - FRIDAY: 9:30AM*, 10:30AM, 12:00PM, 1:00PM, 2:00PM, 3:30PM, 5:00PM

SATURDAY: 9:30AM *, 10:30AM, 11:30AM, 12:30PM, 1:30PM, 2:30PM, 3:30PM, 4:15PM, 5:00PM

SUNDAY: 10:30AM, 12:00PM, 1:30PM, 2:30PM, 3:30PM, 4:15PM, 5:00PM*

*** (Flashlight tours of X-Cave are offered once daily. These tours times are noted by an asterisk.
Headlamps are provided for these tours. Use of your own flashlight is permitted.)**

WALKING DISTANCE: About 1/4 mile **DURATION:** About 45 minutes

TEMPERATURE: 45-60 degrees (variable)

DIFFICULTY: Includes 75 stair steps through narrow passages; some stooping, electrically lit.